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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is the

- ☒ patent application of  
☐ continuation patent application of  
☐ divisional patent application of  
☐ continuation-in-part patent application of

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For: Digital Signing Method

- ☒ This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:  
Japanese Patent Application No. P11-301216, Filed October 22, 1999  
the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.
- ☐ Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference."

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 33 page(s) of specification  
☒ 8 page(s) of claims  
☒ 1 page of Abstract  
☒ 12 sheet(s) of ☐ formal ☒ informal drawing(s).  
☒ An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.  
☒ A ☒ signed ☐ unsigned Declaration & Power of Attorney  
☐ A ☐ signed ☐ unsigned Declaration.  
☐ A Power of Attorney by Assignee with Certificate Under 37 CFR Section 3.73(b).  
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 ☐ is enclosed ☐ was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired.  
☒ A certified copy of a Japanese application.  
☒ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97, Form PTO-1449, and three references.  
☐ A petition to extend time to respond in the parent application.  
☐ Notification of change of ☐ power of attorney ☐ correspondence address filed in prior application.  
☒ Recordation Form Cover Sheet.

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INDEP. CLAIMS	8 - 3	= *5	
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## SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
x \$9.00 =	\$345.00
x \$39.00 =	
+ \$130.00 =	
TOTAL	

## OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
x \$18.00 =	\$710.00
x \$80.00 =	\$234.00
x \$80.00 =	\$400.00
+ \$260.00 =	
TOTAL	\$1,344.00

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